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MP IN JOBS BOOST VOW

Blackwood promises to help get Abingdon's unemployed back into work

• *Nicola Blackwood MP organised Friday's job fair, along with Jobcentre Plus*

By Adam Flinn
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OVER 400 jobseekers in Abingdon attended a job fair in the Guildhall on Friday, organised in partnership by Oxford West and Abingdon MP Nicola Blackwood and Jobcentre Plus.

Fifteen participating employers took part in the fair, including representatives from across the employment spectrum, including the armed forces, Greggs, Lombard Medical and a range of others.

There was also support from Jobcentre Plus, Abingdon and Witney College and the National Careers Service, offering advice to jobseekers and students during the day.

Ms Blackwood said: "The Jobs Fair today was buzzing with excellent local businesses looking for staff and hundreds of talented, enthusiastic people looking for work and training opportunities.

"Jobcentre Plus were great to work with organising the fair.

"I am determined to continue doing all I can to boost local job opportunities, and help get those people struggling to find employment back into work."

Kerry Donnelly, adviser for the National Careers Service, added: "The Abingdon Job Fair was well attended by people looking for work and by employers looking to recruit.

"It was fantastic to be part of such an excellent and vibrant event, which highlighted the job opportunities in South Oxfordshire.

"As a National Careers Service adviser, I was delighted to attend to help raise awareness of our service and signpost people to appointments in the local area, helping them make decisions on learning, training and work opportunities. We saw a range of people on the day who had travelled in from around Oxfordshire looking for advice, from the long-term unemployed to those looking for a career change."

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'We won't abandon the consultation'

A GROUP of Oxfordshire residents are calling for the county council to abandon its second consultation on changes to their Home to School Transport Policy.

The council are looking at ways to reduce costs as they try to reduce spending on its services including school transport, which currently costs the authority £15m a year.

This could include lowering the number of schools where children would qualify for free transport, such as entitling a child to transport to their nearest school only. But the Oxon School Bus Action Group (OSBAG) are concerned that Oxfordshire County Council has made errors during the consultation process, which started on November 4.

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This includes a claim that information has not been readily available from the council since the consultation started in November.

Sue Moon, OSBAG co-ordinator, said: "Many parents in a range of localities across the country did not receive the county council letter sent out at the start of the consultation period.

"These proposals will fundamentally change education in Oxfordshire forever, redrawing the school catchment maps and destroying valued primary and secondary partnerships.

"What is worse is that the closer you look into it, the clearer it becomes that these proposals will not guarantee significant savings and in some cases they are likely to cost the council more.

"The least we could expect is that the council runs a vaguely competent consultation process, with all relevant information made available from the start."

In a statement, Oxfordshire County Council said: "The council will not be withdrawing the consultation and we do not accept the process has been inadequate.

"The council has undertaken a wide range of activities to ensure people are aware of the proposals and given the chance to comment.

"On our website there is a huge amount of supporting information aimed at giving as much detail as possible about the proposals, and we are currently staging a series of public meetings at schools most likely to be affected.

"There have been some minor departures from the original timetable, and some updates to information online to provide further clarification.

"Quite simply, none of this has had any impact on the substance of the consultation, or the ability of people to submit an informed view on the proposals."

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Brand new name and launch for civic hall

WANTAGE Civic Hall is set to be relaunched by Vale of White Horse District Council next year, which includes a new name for the venue.

Residents will be given the opportunity to vote for a new name from December 16 to 21, with the winning name due to be announced in the new year.

As well as the name, the Civic Hall will also be improved to include a pop up cinema that will run on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, coming after the closure of the cinema in Wantage eight years ago.

Council leader Matthew Barber said: "This is a very important time, not just in the history of Wantage Civic Hall, but also for the community in Wantage.

"The relaunch will provide them with a relevant and modern service that will offer a range of entertainment suitable for all ages and all tastes."

Wantage Civic Hall was built in 1973 and regularly holds a number of events, from the annual pantomime to dance and fitness classes and the real ale festival.

It is hoped that it will also be able to incorporate weddings and children's party packages in the future, as well as a calendar of events for the community including live music and entertainment.

PCC backs teen abuse campaign

THAMES Valley Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld has given his support to a national campaign that highlights unacceptable abuse in teenage relationships.

The 'This is Abuse' campaign is aimed primarily at 13 to 18-year-olds, and is being launched by the Home Office today.

It will encourage teenagers to re-think their views of violence, abuse, controlling behaviour and what consent means within their relationships.

Mr Stansfeld said: "This campaign, aimed at teenagers, is important to highlight that abuse in a relationship is not normal or acceptable.

"It's not just physical violence, like punching or kicking, that makes a relationship abusive. If you are threatened with violence, have no say over what you wear or who you see or speak to, it is still abuse.

"I will shortly commission a piece of work which will identify the range of practical and emotional needs arising from having been a victim of crime.

"The findings from this assessment will inform the process of commissioning appropriate victims' services."

Anyone who needs support to get out of an abusive relationship, or just wants more information, can go to www.thisisabuse.direct.gov.uk.

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In full voice

WANTAGE Choral Society and the choir of Wantage C of E Primary School are teaming up for a concert on December 15, taking place at St John Vianney RC Church, in Charlton Road.

It will include 'On Christmas Night', a composition by the choral society's new president Bob Chilcott, as well as Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols and a number of other popular festive songs.

It starts at 7pm, and costs £10 in advance. For tickets, visit the Vale and Downland Museum, or phone them on 01235 798349.

Man assaulted

A 39-YEAR-OLD man has been assaulted at his Bicester home, after opening the door to a man who subsequently punched him in the face before running off.

The incident took place in Fair Close on November 17 at around 7.45pm, and the victim sustained bruising to his eye as a result, although he didn't require hospital treatment.

The offender is described as being white, in his thirties, clean shaven with short-cropped hair, and was wearing a dark hoodie, blue jeans and white trainers on the evening of the assault.

Following the incident, he is understood to have run off towards Buckingham Road.

Police believe that this was an isolated incident and may have domestic connotations, and that the public should not be worried.

Anyone with information about the assault should contact the police non-emergency number 101.

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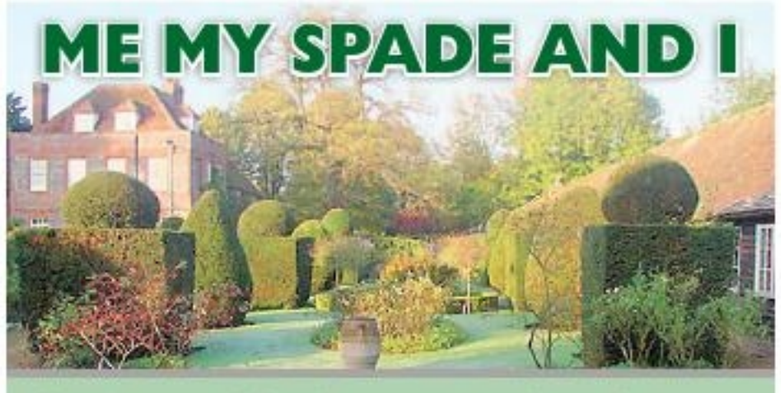

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A great way to kick-off the Christmas season

• Father Christmas rides his sleigh down Stert Street

• Children from the parade did the honour of turning on the town's Christmas lights

• The Oxford Caledonian Pipe Band led the parade

By Adam Flinn
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ABINGDON got into the festive spirit on Saturday as the Christmas Extravaganza took place throughout the day, attracting thousands of people to the town centre.

The day began when the parade set off from Stert Street at 11.45am, featuring a bagpipe band, Cinderella characters, town councillors and Father Christmas riding his sleigh.

Shoppers were treated to free parking during the day, as well as a number of stalls that had been set up in Bath Street.

The day culminated in the switching on of Abingdon's Christmas lights by children in fancy dress who had taken part in the parade, which was followed by a fireworks display.

Abingdon Town Council leader Sandy Lovatt was one of the councillors taking part in the parade, and was pleased with how the extravaganza went.

He said: "I thought it went very well. There was a tremendous crowd, a lot of the shops had plenty of people in them, so I think it achieved its aim.

"The thing I was most impressed about was the spirit of the Abingdon people coming out like this, and the children having a wonderful time.

"I thought it was a really good way to kick off the Christmas season, and it was great to see how much support people were giving."

Heather Brown, manager of the Choose Abingdon Partnership, added: "Putting stalls and entertainments in Bath Street does cause us quite a few headaches.

"But it means that people walk up Bury Street or the High Street to get there.

"So the event becomes about the whole town, not just benefiting the businesses on the Market Place.

"We are drawing in so many people to this event now that putting the whole thing on the Market Place is no longer an option, as we need the space for people to gather for the lights and fireworks."

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Craft fair

ABINGDON'S Christmas Craft Fair is taking place in the town on Saturday, offering a variety of handmade crafts to shoppers looking for gifts.

Jewellery, paintings, stained glass, cakes, decorations and woodturned and leather gifts will all be on offer, as well as music from the local brass bands.

The fair takes place in the Market Place from 9.30am to 3pm.

A real jam fest

DENMAN College in Marcham are staging their Christmas Fair and Real Jam Festival this weekend, featuring guest appearances and talks by a number of cookery experts.

There will also be a Christmas market, tours of the college and live music on offer during the fair, as well as the results of the jam-making competition.

It opens from 10.30am on Saturday and Sunday, and tickets for adults cost £4 at the gate. For more details, go to www.denman.org.uk.

Police appeal

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a burglary in Willow Brook, Abingdon, where offenders stole jewellery and a camera.

The incident took place last Friday between 10.30am and 8.30pm, with offenders gaining entry by smashing the rear patio door and carrying out an untidy search.

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New partnership is set to tackle health issues

Championing the city's small businesses

SMALL Businesses are important to any local economy and in Oxford steps are being made to ensure the right support for their growth is in place.

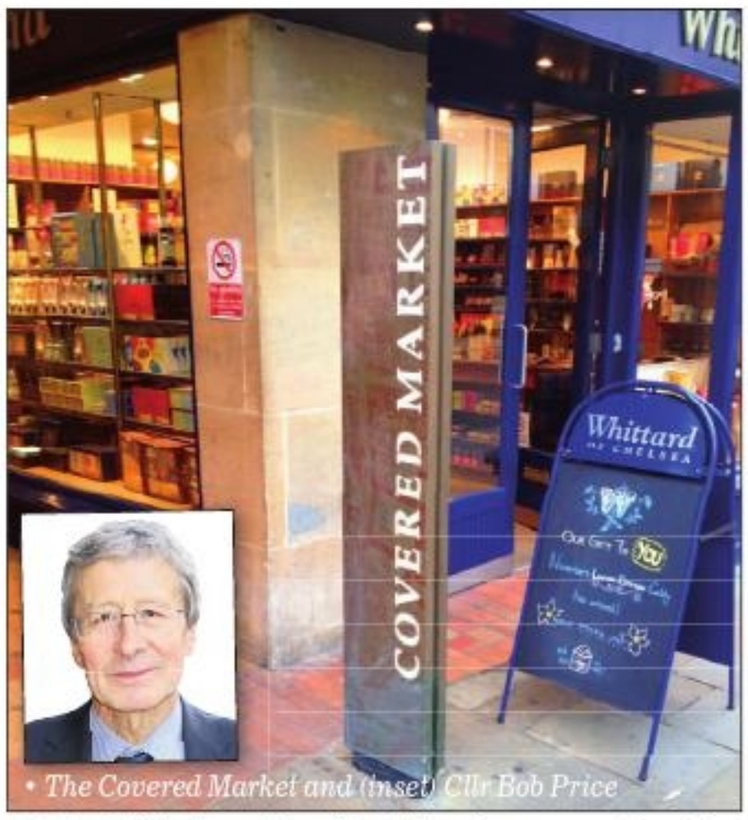
This Saturday people across the country are being encouraged to support small businesses, both on the day and beyond, but the city council wish to take this a step further.

Drop-in sessions for businesses in Oxford are being held at the Town Hall tomorrow where they can meet organisations who may be able to develop their business further.

There will also be the introduction of a Culture Card for customers which provides savings with businesses in the city centre.

It also gives shoppers reduced parking costs after 2pm on December 5 and 12 at the Westgate multi-storey car park.

In addition, a Meet the Buyer event will be held on January 28 where small business suppliers can meet organisations and buyers in the public sector.



• The Covered Market and (inset) Cllr Bob Price

Councillor Bob Price, leader of Oxford City Council, said: "We have plenty of small businesses operating in Oxford and we want to encourage these to flourish and get the recognition they deserve.

"For shoppers we have the Covered Market which relies on local, independent business as well as the many independent traders we have around the city."

By **Jack Johnson**
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A NEW partnership of Oxford's NHS Trusts and academic institutions will tackle major challenges facing healthcare in this country, it has been announced.

Oxford University, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, and Oxford Brookes University form the Oxford Academic Health Science Centre (OxAHSC).

The partnership was announced as a designation by the Department of Health last week.

The centre will combine the institutions' individual strengths in world-class basic science, translational research, training and clinical expertise to address 21st-century healthcare challenges. It is said to allow scientific discoveries to move rapidly from the lab to the ward, operating theatre and general practice.

Professor Andrew Hamilton, vice-chancellor of Oxford University, said: "This new accolade is a wonderful recognition of the excellence of medical sciences research at the University of Oxford and the success of Oxford researchers, and our colleagues in the NHS and at Oxford Brookes, at translating scientific advances into benefits for patients, the community, and healthcare professionals."

OxAHSC's five-year programme will focus on six core themes.

They include delivering the digital medicine revolution, building novel NHS, university and industry relationships and modulating the response for patient benefit.

The list also aims to manage the epidemic of chronic disease and emerging infections.

Sir John Bell, chairman of the OxAHSC Board, said: "The success of the application reflects the strengths of the four partners in all areas - research, education and healthcare. The collaborative approach, commitment and enthusiasm during the development of the themes was key and I am confident that we can now continue to build on this to deliver locally, nationally and internationally."

June Girvin, pro vice-chancellor and dean of Faculty of Health and Life Sciences at Oxford Brookes University, added: "This is great news for the Oxford health community, and shows how all of us can play our part in global health developments."

Community garden to be transformed

A TENANTS group in Rose Hill has been working hard with the city council to completely transform a communal garden.

The area in Ashhurst Way was being used for dry washing and had uneven paving causing hazards to the residents.

However, after meetings with residents a project to make improvements to the areas was approved and funded.

Oxford City Council completely resurfaced the garden with brick paving, and built a brick planter to be used by tenants who enjoy gardening and planting their own vegetables.

Old washing lines have been replaced with retractable lines, new turf was laid, wall baskets installed for additional planting and compost bins and water butts provided.

A bench was also installed and new flowers and bulbs were planted by tenants.

Allison Connell, who was involved with the project and lives in Ashhurst Way, said: "The difference is amazing. It makes the appearance of the building look totally different. It makes you feel better."

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Henley theft

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after jewellery was stolen from a property in Henley.

Between 10.30am on November 23 and 10.30am on November 24, offenders burgled the house in Gravett Close.

Green award

BURFORD Visitor Information Centre has received its second 'green' award of the year after being highly commended at Tourism South East's 'Beautiful South awards'.

The centre was commended for sustainable tourism, adding to a silver rating by the national Green Tourism Business Scheme for eco-friendliness.

Taking control

MERTON and Deddington have moved a step closer to taking control of future development in their parishes after the approval of a designated Neighbourhood Planning Area.

Councillors agreed earlier this week to the formal designation.

The decision enables both parishes to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan, outlining the preferred sites for future development or preservation.

'They still mean so much to us'

By Jack Johnson
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• *(From left to right) Theresa Jordan, Sonja Townsend and her grandchildren Alice, Lucy and Ellen with town councillor Betty Atkins and town clerk Jamie Baskeyfield*

CHRISTMAS is an exciting time for many but also a sad and possibly lonely period for people who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

Remembering those dearest to us who have sadly passed away is something we all do but these feelings are particularly rife around this time of year.

That was certainly how two Wallingford residents, Theresa Jordan and Sonja Townsend, felt and as a result they have organised a 'Tree of Gratitude' to sit in Wallingford Town Centre.

The tree has been placed in the Rest Garden opposite Waitrose and gives people from in and around Wallingford an opportunity to acknowledge a loved one with a decoration and a Christmas message.

Theresa, who lost her partner Roy to cancer in October 2012, said that loved ones who have passed away "still mean so much to us and are very much part of our Christmas".

She continued: "They still influence us in decisions we make and about the traditional Christmas we have as a family.

"The tree is about us thinking about them and about them being a part of the community.

"I do not want my Roy being forgotten in the town."

Theresa added: "It is a small tree this year, we will see how popular it is.

"If it proves popular we will have a bigger tree next year."

The 'Tree of Gratitude' is not exclusive to Wallingford residents as people from neighbouring villages can also write messages to be hung on the tree.

Baubles and tags for the tree are available from the Town Information Centre between 10am and 2pm from Monday to Saturday.

You will be able to write your message and baubles will be collected every couple of days from the centre and hung on the tree for you.

Donations towards the costs are welcome.

Rural crime still priority for police

THAMES Valley Police is continuing with its crackdown on rural crime in West Oxfordshire and Cherwell from Monday, as part of their '100 days of action'.

Part of Operation Ranger, additional police patrols will be deployed during the week to focus on crime prevention in rural areas, and to give reassurance to residents of rural communities.

It follows a similar scheme that started in September, which saw five arrests made for drugs possession in Finstock, West Oxfordshire.

This time, police will be targeting known offenders and hotspots for criminal activity, and hope to improve confidence around the Christmas period.

Supt Colin Paine, Local Policing Area Commander for Cherwell and West Oxfordshire, said: "The level of rural crime in the area is low, and has reduced further in the last year.

"However rural crime can cause real fear, especially for those living alone in the community, and it's important that we all work together.

"Incidents have included the theft of heating oil and damage to fences and gates. It's difficult to get witness appeals for these crimes, so I ask anyone who witnesses such activity to contact us on 101."

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News Bites

Bee dilemma

OXFORD Friends of the Earth supported the screening of a new documentary last week that focuses on the prospect of bees becoming extinct.

'More Than Honey' takes an in-depth look at why we need to rely on bees and was screened for the first time at The Phoenix Picturehouse last Thursday.

Awareness day

AN OSTEOARTHRITIS patient awareness day is being held at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre today.

It is a chance for people to find out what the Arthritis Research UK Centre for Osteoarthritis Pathogenesis is doing about finding new therapies. It will be held in the main atrium of the Nuffield Othopaedic Centre from 10am to 2pm.

Get sporty!

A FREE event for young people aged 14 to 21-years-old is taking place tomorrow to help launch a new Youth Ambition Sports Programme.

The programme is jointly funded by Oxford City Council and Sport England's Community Sport Activation fund. It takes place between 4.30pm and 7pm at the Royal Mail Centre, Hollow Way.

It's Christmas time in Wallingford!

By **Jack Johnson**
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IT'S fair to say that Christmas really is upon us and Wallingford town centre was certainly in the festive spirit last weekend.

The town's Christmas Festival took place last Sunday with two live stages providing entertainment throughout the day.

Market stalls were also filled with festive treats while Santa's parade and grotto was an obvious highlight.

• *Mayor of Wallingford Cllr Bernard Stone meets Santa*

•*Cllr Marcus Harris speaks to children at the festival*

• *The spectacular firework display lights up the skies (Pictures by Christian Sinkinson at More Than Images)*

MP's Corner

Ed Vaizey
MP for Wantage and Didcot

Police are doing a great job

I HAVE recently been discussing crime detection and prevention with our local Police Area Commander, as it's a subject that matters greatly to my constituents, and I was very impressed indeed with the service that we are getting across the Wantage and Didcot Constituency.

We now have amongst the lowest percentage of houses burgled per 1,000 population in the country and the lowest in Thames Valley Police. This is a tremendous success for the district and I would like to pay particular thanks to all who have played a part in achieving these results, both in the Police force and their partner agencies. They are currently achieving a 77 per cent detection rate, this is by far the best within Thames Valley police and more than twice the detection rate of the next best performing police area.

It's not a perfect picture: there has been a 4 per cent rise in offences involving violence. These are largely offences that are alcohol related and occur within the night time economy or offences that are related to incidents of domestic violence.

I'm pleased that the police are paying particular attention to these areas now, and that the Police locally are achieving a 56 per cent detection rate and have the highest detection rate within Thames Valley Police. This is real progress, and heading very much in the right direction.

It's not all about looking for criminals after the event though. The protection of vulnerable people is a priority for our local Police and they have developed their own support network for vulnerable elderly residents who have otherwise limited support. This is a piece of work that has been recently promoted nationally as an example of innovative best practice for supporting the elderly.

I am very grateful that our Police are working so hard on our behalf and achieving such good results.

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"Tony Cowards is a great new MC who sets the audience up perfectly, with a nice self deprecating manner"– Jo Caulfield, Radio 4 and 'Mock the Week'
Comedy nights are USUALLY the last Thursday of every month
Omar Hamdi recently appeared as tour support for Ava Vidal on selected dates of her national 2012 – 2013 tour. Omar is known across the country as one of the hardest-working and distinctive rising stars of UK comedy.
"The Welsh-Egyptian headliner delivered non-stop laughs"– Surrey Life Magazine
"Slick, classy and very clever"– Worthing Herald
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Employment target 'already been exceeded'

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CHERWELL District Council has exceeded its target for the number of jobs created in the area for the year between July and September, it has been announced.

Figures show that the council had more than achieved their aim in contributing to the provision and safeguarding of around 330 jobs in the district.

This comfortably beat their target of creating or safeguarding 25 jobs in the quarter, and the 200 for the year, with many of the 330 jobs coming with the opening of Pioneer Square in Bicester.

Cllr Nicholas Turner, lead member for performance and customers, was pleased with the results.

He said: "These regular reports are vital in enabling us to review our performance over these three months to ensure we stay on track to meet our various targets and don't go adrift.

"The figures for July to September are incredibly encouraging, with many areas meeting or exceeding targets.

"However, the real success is the provision and protection of 330 jobs across the district.

"While on paper it shows we have exceeded quarterly and annual targets, the real achievement is in knowing this has made a huge difference to the lives of hundreds of residents who have found themselves in new or secure employment."

Meanwhile, the council also announced an improvement in the processing of major planning applications, rising from 69 per cent to 76 per cent between July and September.

Customer satisfaction with waste and recycling also saw an increase, rising by three per cent compared to the same period last year.

However a target to deliver 66 affordable homes in Cherwell was not met with 59 becoming available, although the council is still on course to achieve its annual objectives.

There was also a one per cent reduction in household recycling rates, although this has been associated with a fall in garden waste due to the low rainfall.

MP's Corner

John Howell
MP for Henley

Broadband's enormous impact

ACCESS to superfast broadband has an enormous impact on our quality of life – revolutionising everything from how people in our local area work, do our shopping, pay our bills, spend our leisure time and how our children learn and play.

It also has an equally transformative effect on business, enabling small businesses in particular to increase productivity, innovate and grow. Businesses can benefit by accessing global markets through e-commerce and a reduction in the digital divide between rural and urban areas should help to safeguard local jobs.

Almost all local broadband projects are now procured and many are starting to roll-out. Oxfordshire County Council has signed a contract with BT. By the end of the programme, 90 per cent of the country will have access to superfast broadband. But Government wants to go further, which is why we recently announced the allocation of a further £250 million to extend superfast coverage to even more communities in rural areas.

We recently published the UK Broadband Impact Study which found that for every £1 the Government invests in broadband, the UK economy will benefit by £20. The network construction adds around £1.5 billion to the economy over the next few years. In 2014 alone this includes a £500 million boost across the UK and about 11,000 extra jobs. Household savings of £45 million a year by 2024 are predicted, made through people being able to work from home more. Moreover, the benefits are shared across the UK - helping the rebalancing of our economy. Approximately 89 per cent of the benefits will be in areas outside London and the South East of England with rural areas set to benefit most. Finally, around 0.4 million tonnes a year of CO_2 savings will be made through reduced commuting, business travel and firms shifting to more energy-efficient cloud computing. This report provides the numbers that support the investment in extending superfast broadband to our local community.

Appeal after bodies found in Littlemore

POLICE are currently investigating two unexplained deaths at a house in Littlemore, which were discovered a week apart at an address in Cowley Road.

The body of the first woman was found at the house on November 21, while that of a woman in her 70s was subsequently found last Thursday.

The house had been deemed structurally unsound after the first body was discovered, and work to secure the property was carried out before a full search could be made a week later.

A post-mortem on the first body has been carried out, and was unable to determine a cause of death, although it is not believed to be suspicious.

Investigating officer Det Insp John Turner said: "There continues to be nothing at this stage to suggest these deaths as suspicious.

"Investigations are now being carried out to determine the circumstances.

"I want to take this opportunity to reassure residents that if they have any concerns at all, please contact their local neighbourhood team."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Det Insp Turner on 101.

• Cowley Road in Littlemore, where the bodies were found

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Illegal staff faced with deportation

FOUR illegal workers from Albania were arrested in Oxford last Wednesday, following an operation by immigration enforcement officers at the Premier Car Wash in Watlington Road.

The men, aged 19, 20, 25 and 31, were found to have entered the country illegally, and were transferred to immigration detention pending removal from the UK.

Premier Car Wash now faces a penalty of up to £40,000, unless it can provide proof that the correct right-to-work checks were carried out.

Paul Smith, from the Thames Valley and Surrey immigration enforcement team, said: "Businesses in Oxfordshire that follow the rules have nothing to fear.

"But those who either deliberately employ people with no right to work or fail to carry out the legally required checks on their staff should expect to face heavy financial penalties.

"Illegal working has a negative impact on communities. It defrauds the taxpayer, undercuts honest employers and cheats legitimate job seekers out of employment opportunities."

£6m carer's allowances 'are going unclaimed'

CARERS across Oxfordshire are being urged to take advantage of services and benefits available to them, after it emerged that £6m of allowances are going unclaimed in the county.

The news came as part of Carers Rights Day last Friday, where it was revealed that around £1bn was going unclaimed nationally.

In April 2011 Oxfordshire County Council commissioned Carers Oxfordshire to offer a number of services for carers, including one-to-one support and relevant information.

On Friday they held a conference for carers with guest speakers including Jackie Ashley, the wife of Andrew Marr who spoke about her experiences of her husband's stroke earlier this year.

It was also staged to raise awareness of carers around the county, and that many of them are eligible for benefits they are not claiming for.

Catherine Blaxhall, manager of Carers Oxfordshire, believes that many people don't claim because they don't realise what they are doing qualifies them as a carer.

She said: "We work extremely hard to raise awareness of carers' issues and to try and help them identify themselves as carers.

"Obviously if you don't know you're a carer you won't know that you're eligible, and I wonder if that is some of the reason why people don't apply.

"Certainly many more carers have identified themselves as carers over the last two years since Carers Oxfordshire was created, and we've had some very positive feedback."

When asked what qualifies a person as a carer, Catherine added: "It's generally providing about 10 hours a week of care for somebody, but for me it's if you're undertaking tasks that wouldn't perhaps be normal in that relationship.

"If you're a married couple and you are helping your spouse with personal care and something you wouldn't normally expect to do, then I think you need to start thinking of yourself as a carer."

More information and advice can be found at www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk.

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Charities get £750,000 funding boost

THREE local charities have benefited from a large amount of funding from a company who raise money for health-related good causes.

HealthStrong Community Interest Company (CIC) has raised £750,341, through The Health Lottery, and Oxford based organisations Full Circle, Scope and the Royal Voluntary Service are among those who have benefited.

Full Circle, based at Donnington Community Centre in Oxford, received £13,000 of the funding.

Rowen Smith, manager at Full Circle, said: "This funding has given us the opportunity to set up inter-generational projects in which the local younger and older generations spend time together."

Chris Lunn, director of HealthStrong CIC, added: "The projects supported using money raised by HealthStrong CIC are extremely valuable to a wide range of individuals, we look forward to hearing more about how these initiatives are enabling people to live longer healthier lives."

There is a chance for more local charities to benefit from HealthStrong CIC's funding.

This Saturday there is another lottery draw where once again funds raised will help charities and not-for-profit organisations in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

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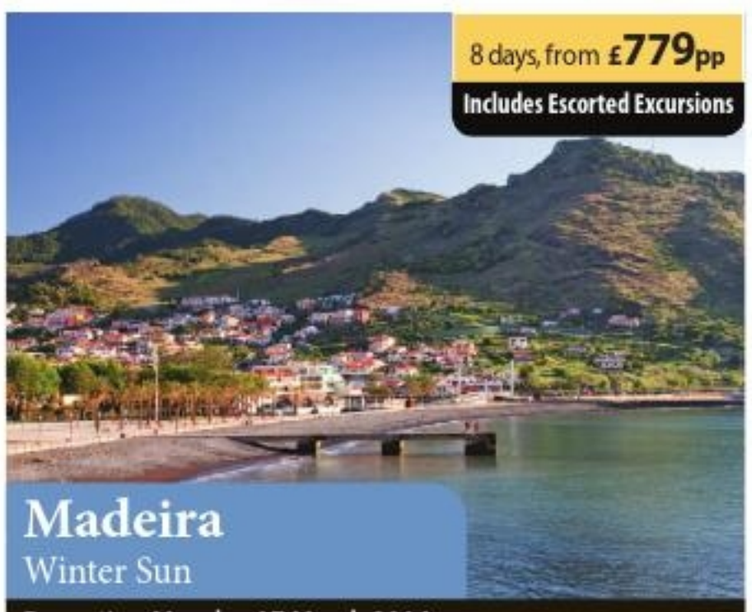

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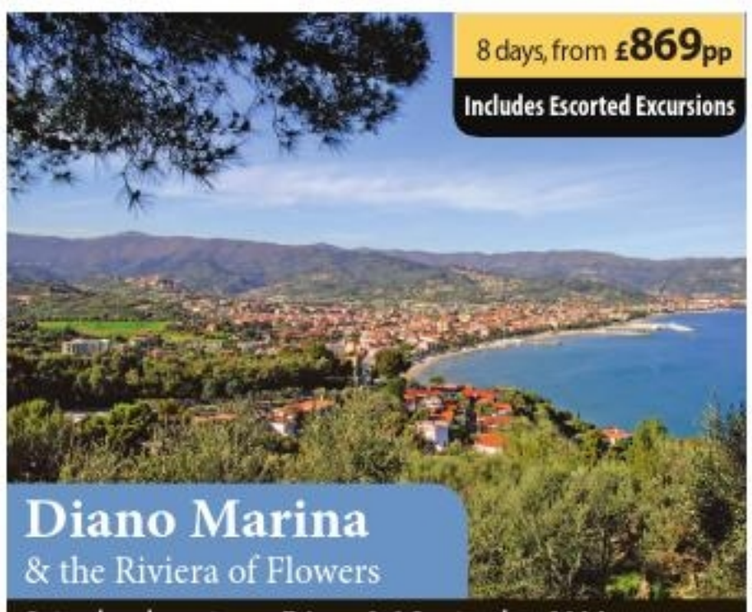

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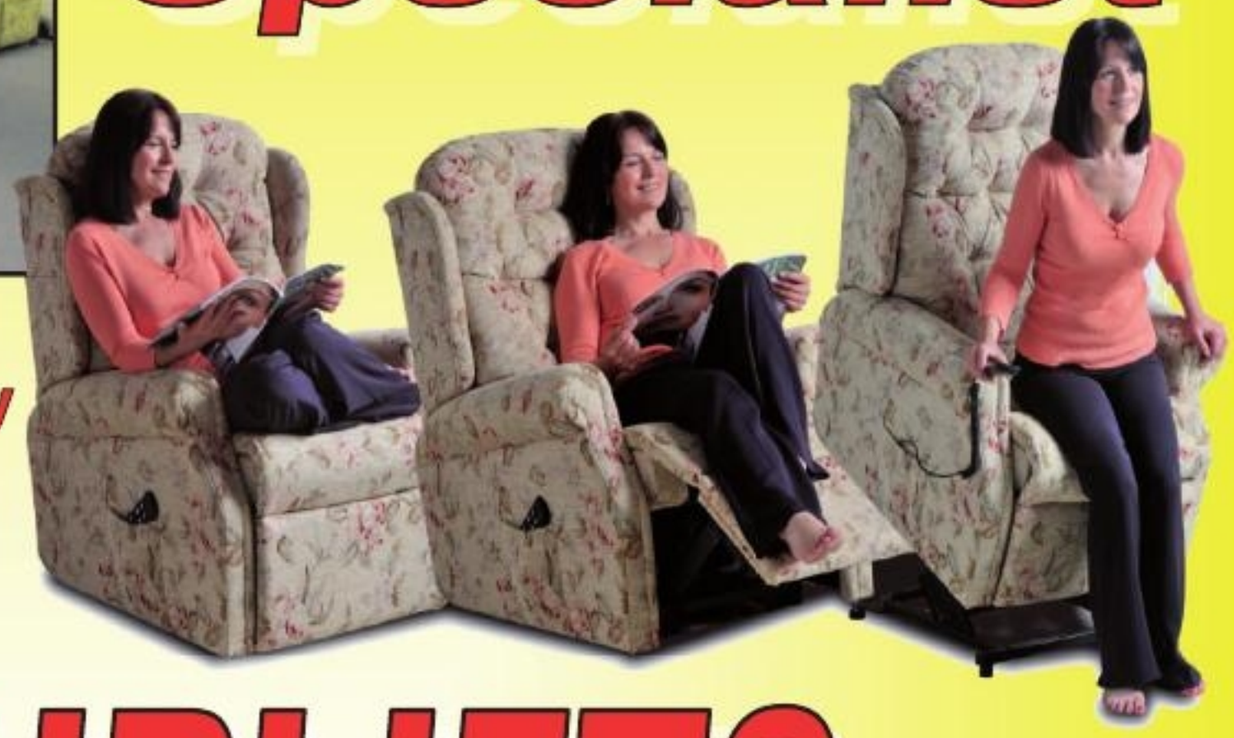

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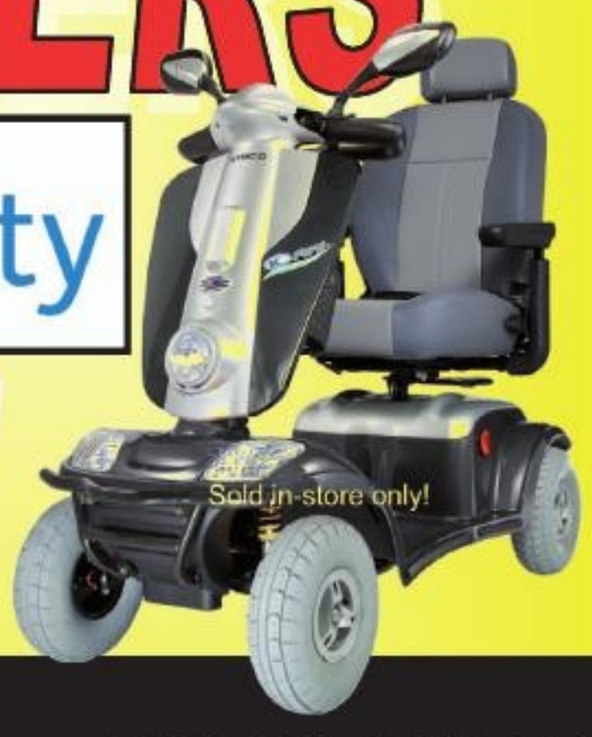

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Crackdown as officers ask: 'Is it worth the risk?'

THAMES Valley Police launched their Christmas anti-drink and drug drive 'Is It Worth The Risk?' campaign on Sunday, in partnership with Hampshire Constabulary.

The forces' Joint Roads Policing Unit will be conducting a number of cross-border operations, with the aim of reducing the number of alcohol and drug-related incidents on the roads around the festive period.

Last year over 2,500 drivers were breathalysed in Oxfordshire from December 1 to January 1.

This was part of the national campaign by the Association of Chief Police Officers and the Department for Transport.

This led to 74 people being arrested following positive breath tests.

Chief inspector Henry Parsons of the Joint Roads Policing Unit said: "We are asking the public to be safe rather than sorry.

"Collisions involving alcohol or drugs not only devastate the lives of victims and their families, they also ruin the lives of offenders, who could face a lengthy driving ban or imprisonment.

"As well as having to live with the lifelong guilt of having killed or injured someone through their reckless behaviour, offenders could also lose their job, home and their livelihood.

"If you are going out and know you will be drinking, organise alternative transport or a designated driver to ensure everyone is able to enjoy the festive period safely."

Across the Thames Valley, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, 61 people were seriously injured and seven were killed in 2012 in collisions where alcohol was a factor.

In the first eight months of 2013, a further 32 people have been seriously injured, and six killed.

Road safety checks will be carried out at all times during the day and night across the region, and officers will record information about those stopped relating to what age bracket they fall into.

This data will be given to the Department for Transport, who will analyse it and understand the levels of drink-driving nationally and the correlation between age and behaviour.

By **Adam Flinn**
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Sailing thousands of miles for Oxford charity

• *Richard Mayon-White with his two children in Antigua*

A VOYAGER who is raising money for an Oxford-based charity has completed his 4,000 mile expedition across the Atlantic.

Richard Mayon-White is hoping to raise £40,000 to be split between Sobell House Hospice in Oxford and national charity Sail 4 Cancer.

He sailed from Gibraltar to Antigua and is so far more than half-way towards achieving the desired sum of money.

Mr Mayon-White arrived on his Haskapa yacht in Antigua on Tuesday morning and was greeted by his family.

He wrote in his final blog: "Soon this little Haskapashaped bubble that I've been living in pretty much since leaving the UK nearly two months ago will nudge up against normal, everyday reality. This project, driven by the desire to do something positive, has been a year in the planning, and encompasses a concept dreamt up mid ocean eight years ago, and a lifelong ambition.

"Those are big rocks to carry, and it will be with some relief that I'm able to put that burden aside." Visit www.tropic4cancer.com and click on 'donate'.

News Bites

MINI finale

THE last of the outgoing MINI Hatch series drove off the production line in Cowley last week.

Over a million Hatch models have been built at Plant Oxford since 2006 but production of the new car is now underway. The new MINI Hatch is set to be launched in Spring next year.

License boost

PEOPLE who are celebrating their 75th birthday in the next 12 months will be entitled to a free TV licence once they reach the landmark age.

Anyone aged 75 or over is eligible for a free TV licence for their main address, meaning family or carers living in the same home will also benefit. Visit www.tvlicensing.co.uk/over75.

China visit

MEMBERS of the Oxford Fertility Unit left for China on Monday as part of a delegation including the Prime Minister.

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Network Rail will lay new track in Oxford to improve the resilience of services from the station.

As a result, bosses promise train services will operate with minimal disruption over Christmas but some routes may be affected by the work.

Oxford Station manager Dave Martin said: "This upgrade is vitally important to improve our customers' travel experiences for the future

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and will help to ease congestion on the way through Oxford.

"To minimise inconvenience as much as possible, the work is being done at the least busy time of the year.

"However, please plan your journey as there is the potential that these services will take you a little longer."

Network Rail have also revealed the timetables for services to Oxford over the festive period.

Between December 27 and January 1, there will be two trains per hour between Oxford and Didcot Parkway. One train an hour will continue to Reading.

There will be an hourly service to Radley while services to Culham and Appleford will be reduced.

Meanwhile, fast trains between Oxford and London Paddington will run every 30 minutes, calling at Reading, Maidenhead and Slough between December 27 and January 1, on every day except Sunday.

On December 29 there will be one train an hour calling at Reading, Maidenhead and Slough.

Finally, direct trains from Oxford to Worcester Shrub Hill/Foregate Street will run every 90 minutes on December 27 and December 28.

On December 29 services through to Worcester will run every two hours with limited services through to Hereford.

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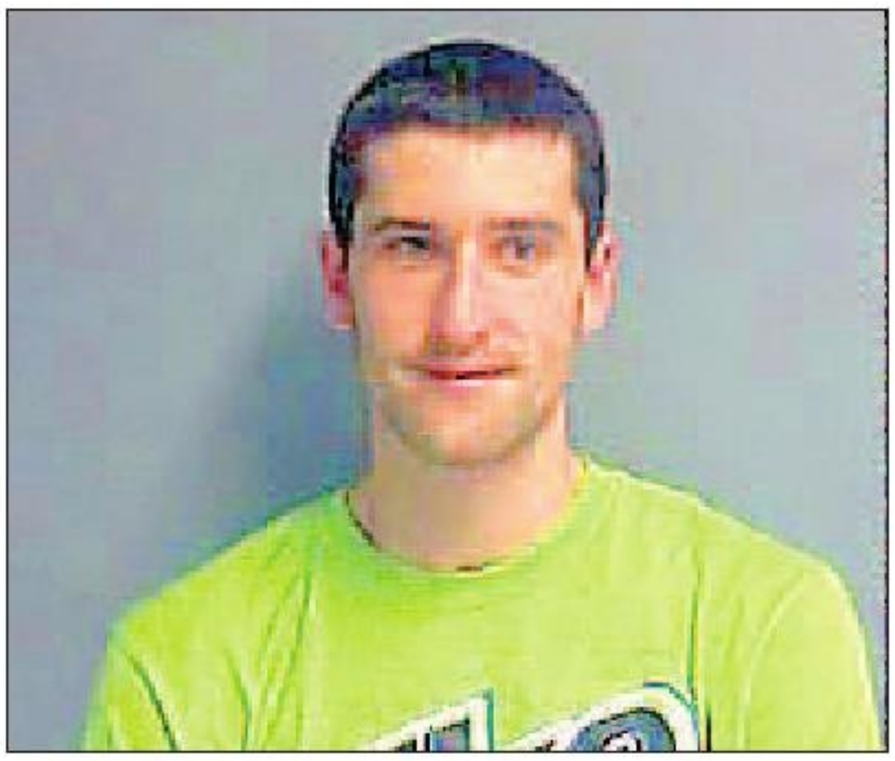
Tuna-eating burglar jailed after theft from students



• *Arron Carroll*

A 27-YEAR-OLD man from Headington has been sentenced to 18 months imprisonment after stealing from four students.

Arron Carroll, of Stainfield Road, was convicted and sentenced at Oxford Crown Court last week after pleading guilty to burgling a house where four female students were living.

Between 1pm and 7.45pm on June 7, Carroll broke into a house in York Place, Oxford, through the back door.

He searched all the rooms and used a washing basket to carry stolen items from the top floor.

Carroll then took time to eat a tuna pasta dish he had bought, which he left on the front window sill, leaving via the front door.

He stole laptops, hard drives, an iPod, cameras, bankcards and other electrical items.

Carroll was identified using DNA left behind on the fork and a fingerprint left on a bag some of the stolen items were taken from.

Investigating officer PC Sarah Turpin said: "This burglary affected the four female occupants, who have now moved out of the property.

"Being students, it was extremely hard for them to replace the items that were stolen and the laptops taken contained essays and university work that time and effort had been spent on.

"This result will mean a lot to them."

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CHERWELL District Council is inviting residents to complete its annual Energy and Environment Survey for the chance to win recycling goodies.

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Visit consult.cherwell.gov.uk/portal to complete the survey by January 10.

Pub damage

THE front wall of The Golden Ball pub in Henley was damaged between 8.45am and 9.05am on November 28.

It is unknown what has caused major structural damage to the wall between the public car park and the B480, but the point of impact is 4-6ft off the ground.

Twenty minutes before the damage a grey coloured Citroen Saxo with black coloured flame decals was seen in the pub car park, with a man wearing dark coloured overalls. Call 101.

Registration

RESIDENTS across the South and Vale have until tomorrow to return their annual voter registration forms.

In the run up to Christmas any property from which a form still hasn't been received will get a visit from a canvass officer.

Anyone who has not received a voter registration form should contact the Elections Team on 01235 540310.

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'Meeting in the middle'

FOLK and punk band The Bad Shepherds, formed by comedy actor Ade Edmondson in 2008, bring their new show to Oxford's O2 Academy next Thursday.

It comes following the release of the group's third album 'Mud, Blood and Beer', which came out in August to critical acclaim featuring the group's unique sound of playing punk songs on folk instruments.

This was the first album to feature original Bad Shepherds material, written by band members Ade, Tony Donockley and Andy Dinan.

"The album's much more accomplished, it's much better," said Ade. "We've been doing this for five years now, and you learn a thing or two, we've got much more radical in the way we do things.

"The general kind of arrangement will be me and Tony going to the pub, and just having a nice day. We don't get drunk, just have a lovely session, come back and think about songs we used to love."

Ade is best known for his comedic acting career, and his roles in television series The Young Ones and Bottom with collaborative partner Rik Mayall.

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But in recent years he has moved away from acting to concentrate of music, something he is enjoying a lot more.

"The two best gigs I've ever had in my life were with The Bad Shepherds, without a doubt," Ade said. "I think music is much more fun as a performer.

"Comedy is very combative – you go in and take an audience on and wrestle them to the ground.

"With music you go in and agree to meet in the middle, you all want to be in the same frame of mind, it's a lot better.

"Comedy's kind of rapid and instant, it's like having a McDonald's instead of a proper meal. It happens very quickly and then it's gone."

Doors open at 7pm for next Thursday's show, and tickets cost £18. For booking details, call 0844 477 2000 or go to www.o2academyoxford.co.uk.

• *The Bad Shepherds*

I'm an Aristocrat

A COMEDY adventure set in 18th century France comes to Oxford's Pegasus Theatre from tomorrow - 'I'm An Aristocrat Get Me Out Of Here'.

Theatrical innovators Gonzo Moose re-invent the story of the Scarlet Pimpernel, set during the French Revolution.

The story follows an underground movement who are rescuing people that have been condemned to the guillotine - in particular the aristocrats.

It is performed by a cast of three, who take on multiple roles during the production.

"It's going really well," said Gonzo Moose's artistic director Mark Dawson. "I think anyone with a silly, daft sense of humour will like it. It is a swashbuckling comedy adventure set during revolutionary France, and it's a Scarlet Pimpernel spoof.

"The plot involves the head of the secret police, and it's his quest to bring down the underground movement and catch their leader."

Tickets cost £14.

Listening Room

THE Old Fire Station is host to its third Listening Room gig on Sunday, with music from three bands throughout the evening.

London rock and roll trio Miraculous Mule, instrumental post-krautrock group Listing Ships and three percussionists in Duchess take to the stage, with a range of songs to entertain the crowds.

Tickets for the show cost £8, and doors open at 7pm. For more details, call 01865 263980.

It's a Miracle!

CLASSIC Christmas film 'Miracle on 34th Street' comes to the New Theatre from Monday, in a new stage production of one of the most popular festive films of all time.

A white-bearded gentleman claiming to be the real Father Christmas brings the start of a genuine miracle on New York City's 34th Street, in an all-singing and all-dancing adaptation of the movie.

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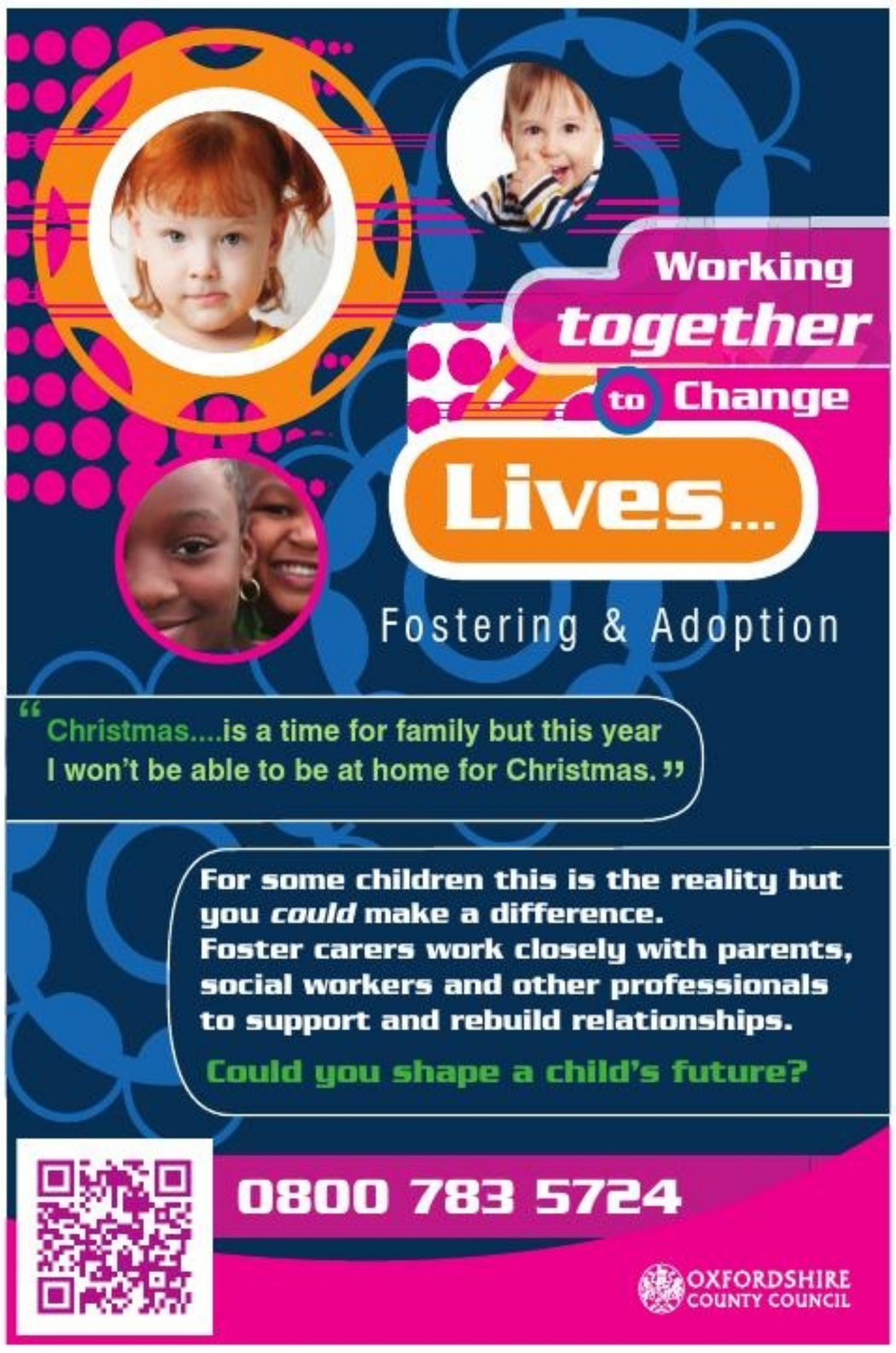
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'A little bit like radio'

CHRISTMAS celebrations get underway on Tuesday evening, as the Albion Christmas Band bring their annual series of festive shows to Wallingford for the first time.

The band is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, with Ashley Hutchings, Simon Nicol, Kellie While and Simon Care bringing a night of carols, stories and songs to the town.

"It's a seasonal celebration of all things midwinter," said Simon Nicol. "Sort of a big broad brush view on the way that Christmas is reflected.

"I always think of it a little bit like a radio programme, but there's a lot of familiarity, and obviously we're not going to neglect the Christmas story or the idea of people singing along with carols.

"But there's an awful lot more to it than just that. The midwinter has always been a time of significance in all cultures, and hopefully it's a good balance of amusing and interesting."

The Albion Christmas Band are only together for a few weeks a year in December, and then disband ahead of the next festive season.

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Simon himself is also the lead vocalist for legendary folk group Fairport Convention, and he enjoys switching between the two bands.

"I love it, because it's literally a holiday for me," he added.

"Fairport's been all through my career, been my home that I return to, but working with other musicians and playing in other locations has always been a very important part of what I've done. When we started this in 1998, it was on trust that we would all get on. We'd all known each other individually, but never worked as this particular foursome. But it worked really easily right off the pan, and as it happens, everybody is quite happy to clear their diary, and I see this carrying on until some force majeure takes over."

The show starts at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, and tickets cost £16. To book, call the box office on 01491 826972.

• *(From left) Simon Nicol, Simon Care, Kellie While and Ashley Hutchings are the Albion Christmas Band, in Wallingford on Tuesday*

Country show

DRAYTON Village Hall is host to a country music evening and Christmas buffet on Saturday night, with a mix of live music and entertainment.

Two live acts will be performing on the night, with Yorkshire duo Clear Cut playing traditional and contemporary music, and Tony Collins with his electric fiddle.

It starts at 8pm, and tickets cost £12.50. To book, call 01865 341778.

Festive fair

KELMSCOTT'S Morris Memorial Hall is holding a Christmas craft fair on Saturday, with an assortment of gifts ranging from textiles and ceramics to jewellery and turned wood.

It is a one-off shopping event, in collaboration with Kelmscott Manor shop and local crafters. The fair will run from 11am to 3.30pm, with free admission and parking.

The Nutcracker

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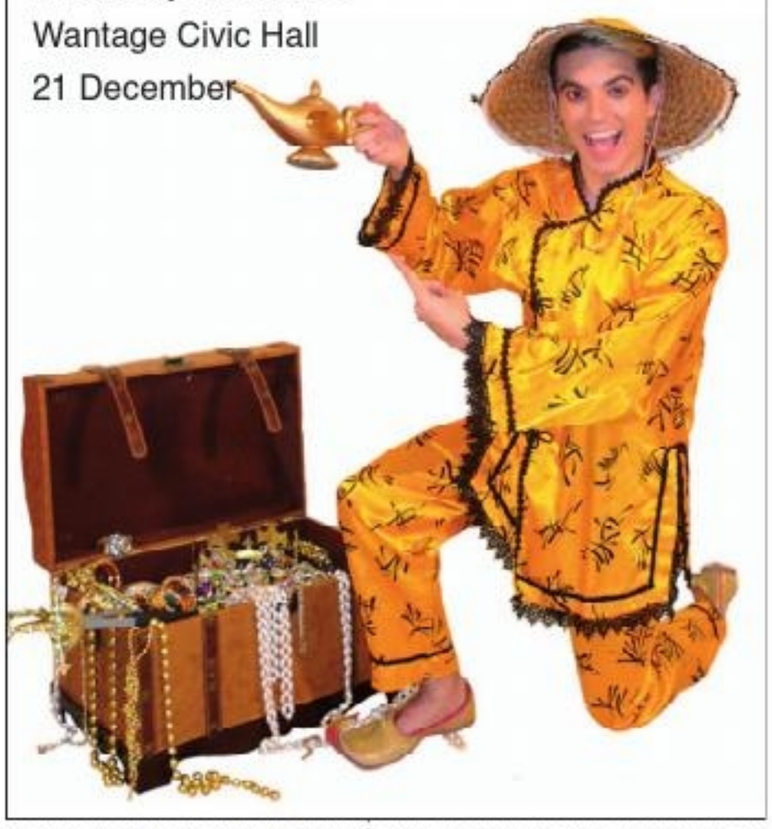

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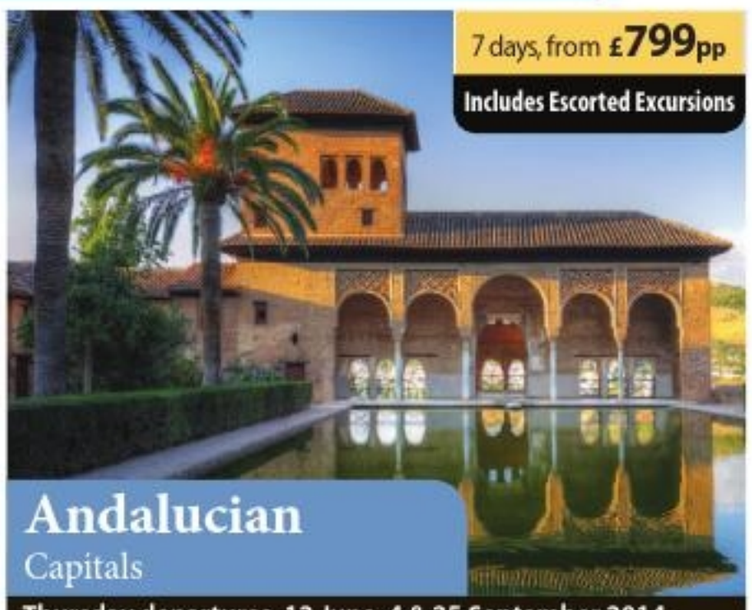

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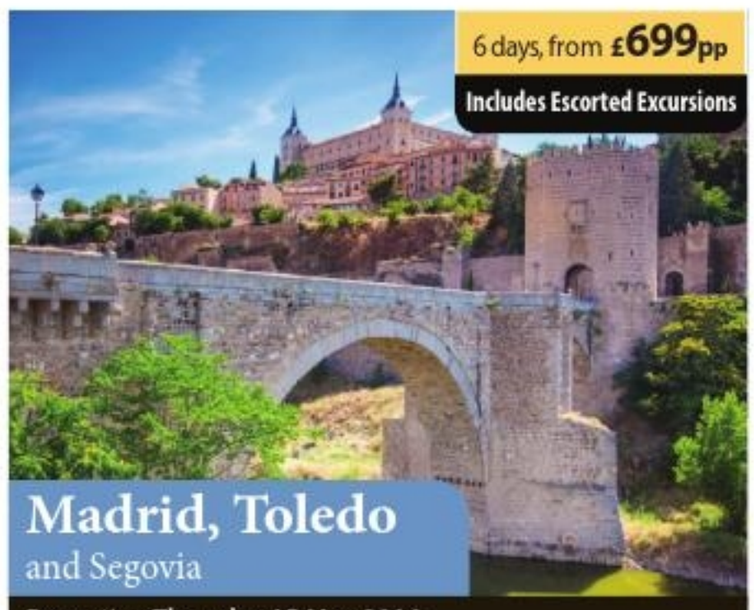

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By **Adam Flinn**

IT WASN'T long ago that The Killingworth Castle, in Wootton by Woodstock, was lying derelict, and residents of the West Oxfordshire village were bereft of their local watering hole.

The pub was first built in 1637 by Thomas Killingworth, along the road which would have been the main route from London to Worcester.

It has had numerous landlords through the years, and is currently owned by Claire and Jim Alexander, who also run the Ebrington Arms near Chipping Campden.

After reopening one year ago this week, The Killingworth Castle has grown in popularity, and they recently received a Michelin Bib Gourmand award, as well as two AA rosettes for their food.

I was keen to try it out, and having grown up in the other Wootton in Oxfordshire, I also interested to see what the village was like.

Driving through the village, it almost feels like something out of Lord of the Rings, with the quaint country-style houses and rolling hills in the background.

Arriving at the pub, the 17th century exterior sets the theme for the rest of the venue, and is something that works well with the rest of Wootton.

It was a Friday lunchtime when I visited and there were plenty of people inside, including a few workers from the Lotus F1 team, based in nearby Enstone.

Keeping with the traditional theme, I ordered the haddock and chips, and was impressed when it arrived at the size of the fish I had been presented with.

"Most people only want one course for lunch, so we make sure it's a big one," the waiter said with a smile.

It was so big that the chips had to come in a bowl of their own, such was the lack of space on the plate that also contained a side salad, tartare sauce and pea puree.

Once I tasted the haddock, I was pleased they had given me such a big portion, as it was one of the best-cooked pieces of fish I have had.

The chips were beautifully done too, and added to the quick and polite service, it certainly was an enjoyable meal.

It's always nice to hear of a success story, and to think that the building was lying derelict just last year is now a thriving venue is remarkable.

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Film of the week

Advertising Feature

There's something about Mary

RATING 8/10

Walt Disney (Tom Hanks) and P.L. Travers (Emma Thompson). PA Photo/Disney Enterprises.

By **Damon Smith**

ALMOST 50 years after Mary Poppins first charmed cinema audiences, Robert Stevenson's magical film continues to cast a spell with its lively characters, heart-warming sentiment and hummable tunes.

Yet the colour-saturated fantasy, which won five Oscars including Best Actress for Julie Andrews, almost never materialised on the big screen.

Australian-born British novelist PL Travers, who penned the series of books on which the film was based, famously rebuffed Walt Disney's efforts to purchase the rights for more than 20 years.

When she finally relented in 1961, Travers was granted script approval, and archive recordings of the meetings between the author, screenwriter Don DaGradi and songwriter brothers Richard and Robert Sherman reveal her resistance to the Disney-fication of her beloved nanny.

That infamous tug-of-war between the writer and Hollywood filmmaker is recreated in Saving Mr Banks, an elegant and witty comedy emboldened by tour-de-force performances from Emma Thompson and Tom Hanks.

When we first meet Travers (Thompson), she has fallen on hard times yet refuses to entertain the advances of Disney (Hanks).

"I know what he's going to do to her. She'll be cavorting... and twinkling!" seethes the writer.

Yet the filmmaker is persistent, telling Travers that, "20 years ago I made a promise to my daughters that I would make your Mary Poppins fly off the pages of your books."

Eventually, Travers flies to America to meet Disney and his team including Don DaGradi (Bradley Whitford), Richard Sherman (Jason Schwartzman) and his brother Robert (BJ Novak), whose twee songs fail to curry favour.

"These books do not lend themselves to prancing and chirping," Travers rebukes.

Despite a touching friendship with her chauffeur Ralph (Paul Giamatti), Travers is unmoved by the re-imagining of her cherished text and eventually she snaps, telling Disney: "Mary Poppins is not for sale. I won't have her turned into one of your silly cartoons."

Something has to give and it is Disney who realises that if he is to win over the author, he must confront the ghosts of his own past.

Saving Mr Banks is an embarrassment of riches from the stunning lead performances to John Lee Hancock's assured direction and Kelly Marcel and Sue Smith's script, which intercut events in 1960s California with vignettes from Travers's turbulent childhood in Australia.

Thompson is formidable, tossing verbal grenades at anyone who dares to besmirch Travers's literary creation, while slowly revealing the chinks in the writer's armour.

Screen chemistry with Hanks is delightful.

"I could just eat you up," coos Disney at one point.

"That would be inappropriate," retorts Travers tartly.

Hancock strikes just the right balance between humour and heart-tugging sentiment, culminating in a glitzy world premiere screening where Travers finally shares Mary with the rest of the world and in so doing, sets herself free.

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Festive fare

Advertising Feature

Master baker Paul Hollywood reignites our appetite for traditional foods

Humble pie gets the Hollywood touch

By **Andy Welch**

"GOOD bake". "Nice crumb". "It's over-proved". "The gluten hasn't developed".

Four years ago, only expert bakers would have understood these terms. Now, thanks to Paul Hollywood and his Great British Bake Off co-judge Mary Berry, they've become familiar phrases in millions of home up and down the UK.

And it's not just Bake Off terminology that's been on the rise - the show has led to a staggering revival in home baking too.

"I can't go a day without someone coming up to me and showing me a photo on their phone of their latest loaf or cake," says Hollywood, 47. "I love it."

There's no respite on Twitter either, where celebrities including Fearne Cotton and Sarah Millican have taken to sending the famous baker pictures of their bakes, or asking for tips.

The fourth series of Bake Off ended recently with 31-year-old Frances Quinn's surprise victory, and once again supermarkets reported increased sales of baking ingredients and cake-making tools along the way.

"Where's my share?" jokes Hollywood. "I haven't got any money out of it."

That, of course, isn't quite true. The chef, who was born in Cheshire and is taking a live baking show on a tour of the UK next April, is now synonymous with baking. His Bread series and book were huge hits earlier this year and he's never been more in demand. Just two weeks after filming finished for Bake Off, he went straight to work on his latest offering, Pies & Puds. There's a book out now and a TV series will follow.

"It's hard fitting it all in," he says. "There's always something, but it's good to have loads going on, especially when it's all so much fun to work on.

"There are thousands of recipes out there, and it's just about being able to pick the right ones, harness the right ideas, and put them in a great package for people to try themselves."

There's no shortage of mouth-watering recipes in Pies & Puds. In the same way Bread introduced novices to basic techniques and walked them through more advanced methods, Pies & Puds includes basics like sausage rolls and quickly moves on to slightly more challenging tasks.

These include pasties, bread and butter pudding made with croissants and cherries, and various types of pastry.

The book is, as Hollywood says, like a cookery course, and one of his favourite recipes is his take on a classic. "I do a beef and ale pie, but use water buffalo instead of regular beef, and I must say the pie is absolutely gorgeous.

"Throughout the book I've twisted things, added new flavours, modernised classics and come up with a load of recipes that are beautiful to eat. It's about comfort food, really, and I'm celebrating what Britain's good at - pies, puddings and pastries."

"The main thing about everything I do is that I just love teaching. The idea that people are learning while watching and being inspired to try things is absolutely brilliant."

Here are a recipe from Hollywood's Pies & Puds to get you started.

• *Bacon & egg pie, featured in Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds, published by Bloomsbury. Photo credit: PA Photo/Peter Cassidy/Bloomsbury.*

Bacon & egg pie

(Serves 6)

For the rich shortcrust pastry
275g plain flour
Pinch of fine salt
135g cold unsalted butter, diced
1 medium egg, beaten
1tsp lemon juice
2-3tbsp very cold water
1 egg, beaten, to glaze
For the filling
1tbsp vegetable oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
1 garlic clove, crushed
200g unsmoked streaky Bacon, diced
200g pork loin, cut into roughly 1.5cm dice
5 medium eggs
100g cream cheese
100g mature Cheddar, grated
1tbsp chopped chives
Salt and pepper

To make the pastry, put the flour and salt in a bowl. Add the diced butter and rub in with your fingertips until the mixture looks like fine breadcrumbs. Alternatively, do this in a food processor or a mixer and then transfer to a bowl.

Mix the egg with the lemon juice and two tablespoons of water. Make a well in the centre of the rubbed-in mixture and pour in the egg mix. Mix the liquid into the flour and fat mixture, using one hand; avoid overworking the dough. If it is too dry, add a splash more water.

When the dough begins to stick together, use your hands to gently knead it into a ball. Wrap the pastry in cling film and place in the fridge to rest for about 30 minutes.

For the filling, heat the oil in a wide frying pan over a medium-low heat and add the onion and garlic. Cook gently for about eight minutes, until soft. Add the bacon and pork, increase the heat a little, and cook for about 10 minutes, stirring from time to time, until any liquid from the meat has been driven off. Leave to cool completely. Heat your oven to 200C/gas 6 and have ready a 20cm loose-based sandwich cake tin, 4cm deep.

Beat two of the eggs with the cream cheese until smooth. Add the Cheddar and chives and season with salt and pepper. Stir in the cooled bacon mixture.

Roll out two-thirds of the pastry and use to line the cake tin. Roll out the remaining pastry ready to form the lid.

Put the filling mixture into the pastry case. Make three evenly spaced depressions in the filling and crack the remaining eggs into them. Brush the rim of the pastry with water and place the lid on top.

Press the edges to seal and trim off the excess neatly. Brush the top of the pie with beaten egg and make a steam hole in the centre. Bake in the oven for 50-55 minutes, until golden brown. Leave the pie to settle for at least 15 minutes before cutting.

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Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once. **EASY/MEDIUM/HARD**

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

4 Given piquancy (6)
8 Uses (7)
10 Idea (7)
11 Precipitous (5)
12 Go in (5)
13 Aliens (9)
16 Going without (9)
19 Confidence (5)
20 Very unpleasant (5)
22 Explanations (7)
23 Most sacred (7)
24 Stylish (6)

Quick Clues Down

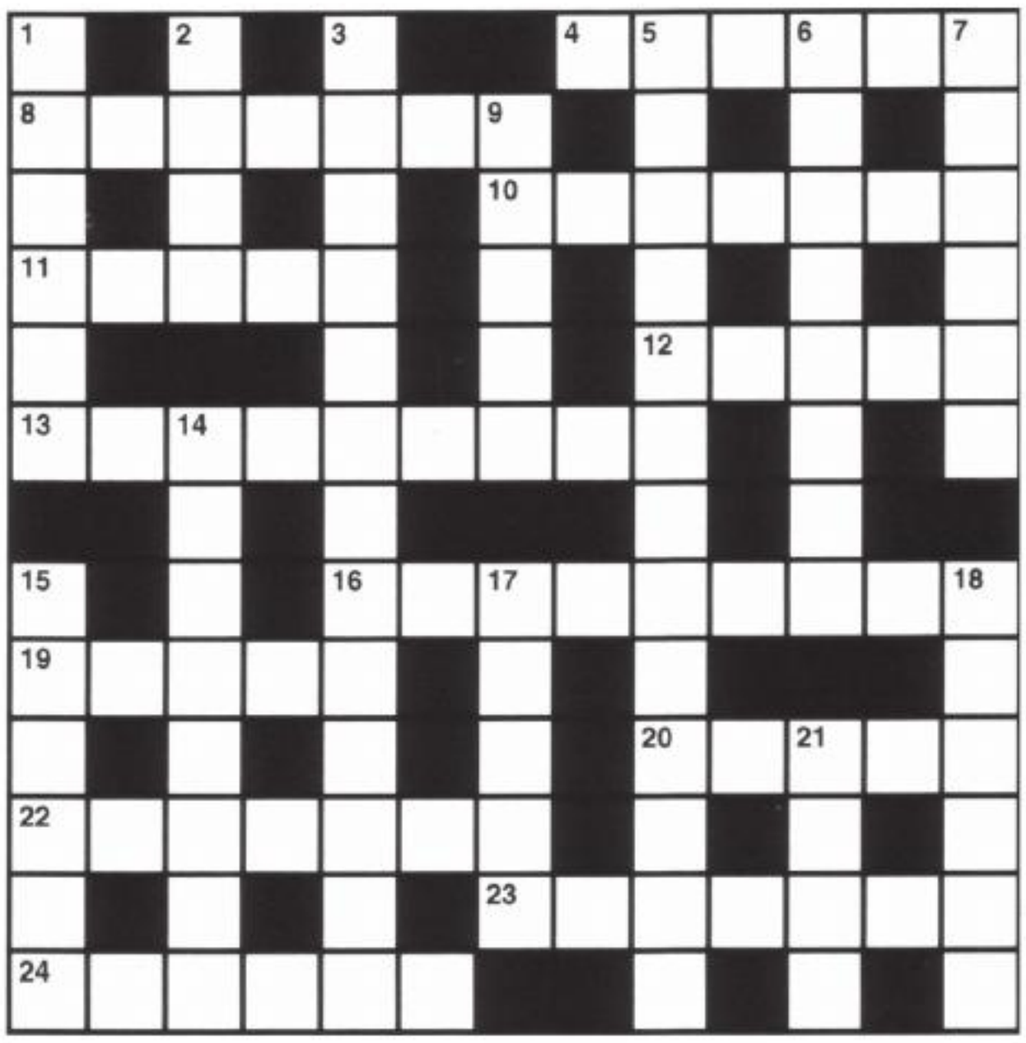
1 Animals (6)
2 Part of church (4)
3 Recompenses (13)
5 Hymns sung as clergy enter church (13)
6 Ponder (8)
7 Discourages (6)
9 Fashion (5)
14 Adjust (8)
15 Gazed (6)
17 Break (5)
18 Appointments (6)
21 Pip (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

4 Pour out nothing revolutionary, and sounded pleased (6)
8 Sign the document to gain attention (7)
10 The king's daughter curtailed her brothers (7)
11 He set out for the ones near at hand (5)
12 In one way ties down without possessing regular movements (5)
13 Re-cancel a cheque's acceptance (9)
16 On strike, we sigh about what is of greater importance (9)
19 The department has nothing for the storehouse (5)
20 Thanks to the range of knowledge obtained (5)
22 Swindles about light chalks (7)
23 Beat the man for touching (7)
24 Seen at different material (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Feeling rotten on September 1st with a head cold (6)
2 Go back to the French for an amorous lock (4)
3 Better boon too for the famous question (2,2,2,3,2,2)
5 Somehow resent uniting around for a dull result (13)
6 Falling back to surrendering again (8)
7 Want of practice is found in the great actress (6)
9 Watering place in a European country (5)
14 He never forgets a trunk call (8)
15 Prepares about a hundred decrees (6)
17 Have confidence in the people administering the property (5)
18 Stay in some sort of mental balance (6)
21 Keen to be a member (4)



Scribble space

Last week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Russet 8 Eternal 10 Andiron 11 Ounce 12 Rinse 13 Ferocious 16 Impeached 19 Thumb 20 Dream 22 Ennoble 23 Landing 24 Sudden
Down: 1 Set off 2 Bean 3 Indescribable 5 Understanding 6 Strength 7 Tensed 9 Largo 14 Returned 15 Athens 17 Panel 18 Damage 21 Epic

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Tricks 8 Weak tea 10 Lateral 11 Digit 12 Igloo 13 Sartorial 16 March past 19 Arena 20 Motor 22 Blasted 23 Suspend 24 Layers
Down: 1 Swedes 2 Gang 3 Stationmaster 5 Retail chemist 6 Carolina 7 Saloon 9 Alibi 14 Rosemary 15 Gambol 17 Reeds 18 Tirade 21 Tied

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The game is also partnered with local charity 'The Children's Hospital'. It is great for the club to recognise the great work going on in the Hospital and use this big match to highlight that.

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Closing date

Friday, December 20

The Big Match is already on track to be the biggest attendance of the season and with planned activities, it is shaping up to be a fantastic day out for the whole family. A lot has been mentioned this year by players about the importance of fans and the great support shown during games so why not help sell out the stadium and create that home advantage for the players.

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REVIEW: VAUXHALLL ASTRA VXR

By **Philip Shoulder**

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INTRODUCING the most powerful hatchback in its class - the 276bhp Vauxhall Astra VXR.

It might not look as mean as its pumped-up predecessor, but that changes with the optional £1,000 'Aero Pack', which adds a biplane rear spoiler, more muscular side skirts and 20-inch alloy wheels.

Upon ignition, you're greeted by a bassy soundtrack from the stainless steel twin exhausts. The sporty theme continues through to the steering which is weighty even at lower speeds.

Although always flexible, the 2.0 litre turbocharged motor delivers its gut-punch between 2500 and 5000 rpm. If you stomp on the throttle and hang on to each gear, you'll hit 62 mph in 5.9 seconds and a 155 mph top speed. Yet despite the performance gains, the VXR now manages a claimed combined 34.9 mpg and emits 189g/km of CO2.

This new VXR is vastly better to drive than the old model, thanks to a new sophisticated HiPerStrut (High Performance Strut) suspension set-up, designed to improve the car's manners and make it easier to drive quickly. Of course, 276 bhp is a lot of power to feed through the front wheels, so hard acceleration on a wet road causes the wheels to scrabble a bit as the car searches for grip, and the VXR still has a slight tendency to wiggle the steering wheel under full straight-line acceleration. However, compared to the old car it's very mild and doesn't hamper control or stability. The steering is accurate and responsive, giving the driver confidence to explore the car's high grip levels and mesmerizing cornering ability – aided by the mechanical limited slip differential.

The VXR's cabin is very similar to that of a regular Astra, but unique design features include VXR panel graphics, sports pedals and other trim emblazoned with the VXR logo, such as the gear knob, square-bottomed steering wheel and big leather bucket seats, which provide good comfort and support.

Coupe curves somehow fail to impinge on space, with plenty of leg and headroom available. Luggage and storage areas are also generous, with a 380 litre 'seats-up' boot capacity exceeding both Volkswagen Scirocco and Renault Meganne coupe, by 68 and 36 litres respectively.

VERDICT

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• *Vauxhall Astra VXR*

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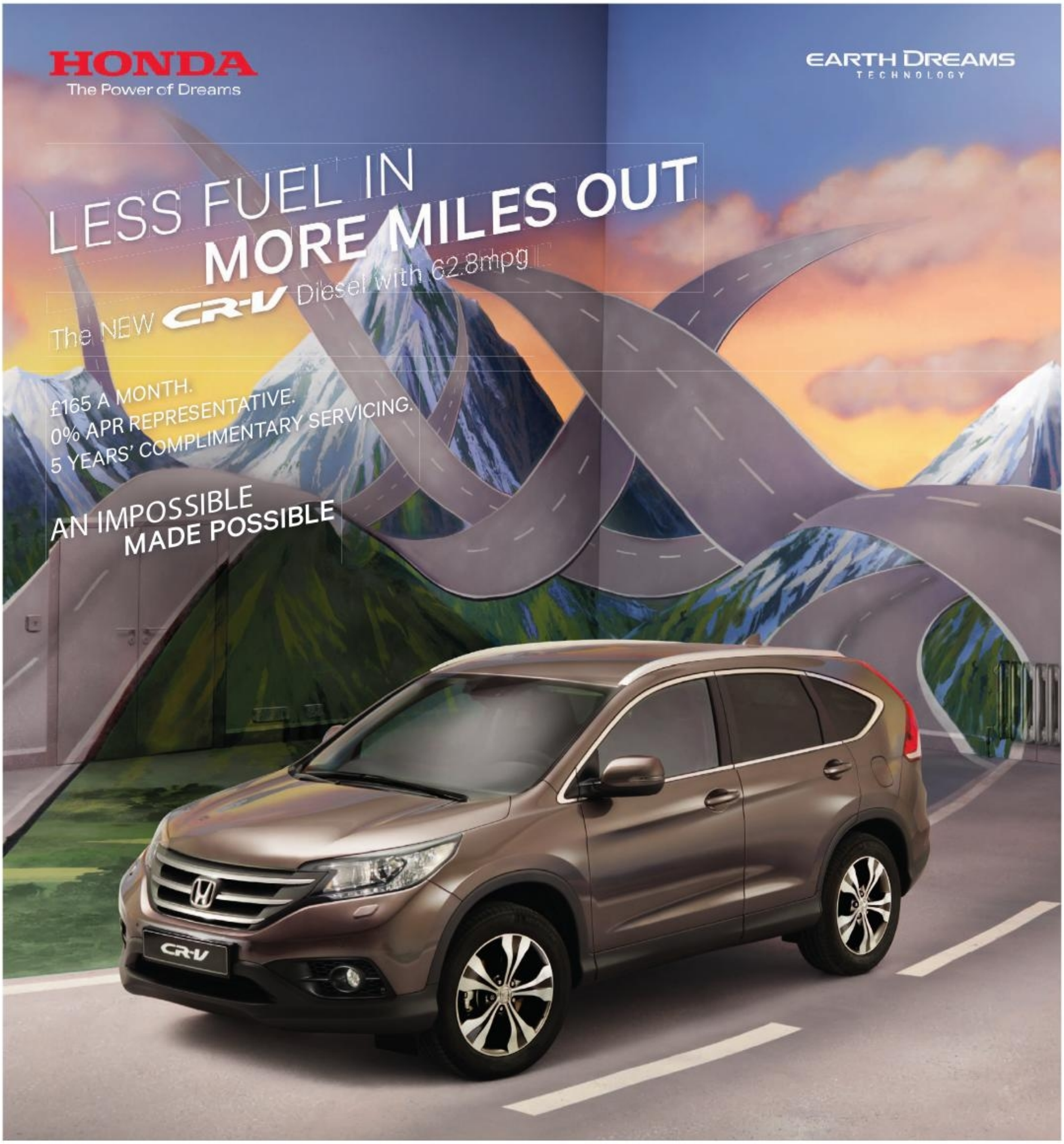

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TOMMY tippee, baby's electric food & bottle warmer hardly used, £8 ono, 07903 727541

BABY nest, unisex by Galt animal farm bright colours smoke and pet free house, £7, 07903 727541

STAIR gate, lindam and safety first gate, £10 each, 07903 727541

DISPLAY cabinet, dark wood excellent condition shelves drawers glass units cupboards lights, £50, 01865 848961

WARDROBE, modern beech colour 2 door 3 drawer good condition, £15, 07825 093370

TWO modern beech, colour shelving units both for, £5, 07825 093370

SOLID pine, bookcase, £10, 07825 093370

DELONGHI microwave, 800w, £15, 01235 525057

ROUND drop leaf kitchen table, white 42" diameter with 4 white chairs, £50, 01235 525057

SOFA bed, small double 120cm w x 176cm l, £50, 01235 819757

MOTHERCARE cot, antique pine and amicor mattress good condition smoke ad pet free minor chips sold assembled, £40, 07903 757541

110 name snow globe, shop price £2.99 each, £65ono, 08712 224252

SINGLE bed, with underneath storage with headboard mattress not included headboard plae blue base slightly patterned blue, £15, 07889 540638

SOLID pine, combi wardrobe 4 drawers 6 shelves hanging rail used condition, £80, 07889 540638

GRAMOPHONE, 1950s Philips disc jockey auto stackable records loun hum but looks good OK for parts?, Offers, 01235 850341

STUDY, Table 73 cm high, 120 length, 80 depth. Three draw separate unit included, £40, 01865 749846

CHAIR bed, pink chair bed, 20, 07796068183

ICE skates, girls white figure ice skating boots, 25, 07796168083

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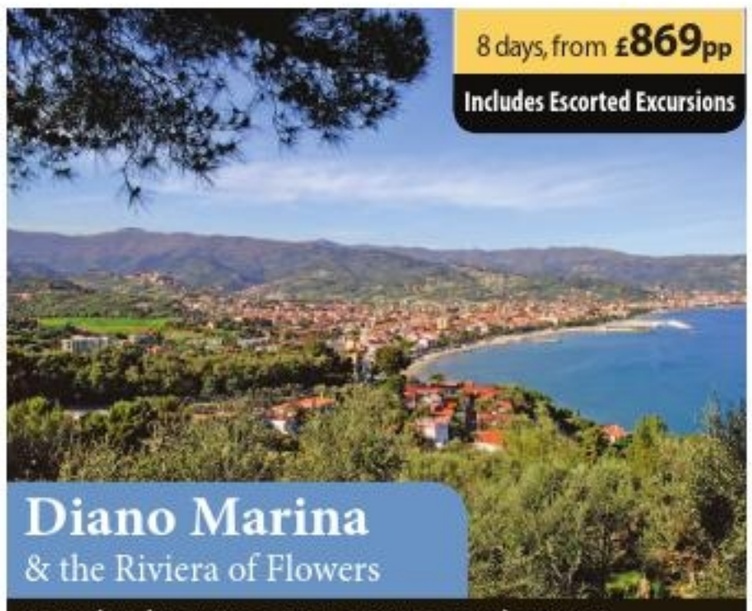

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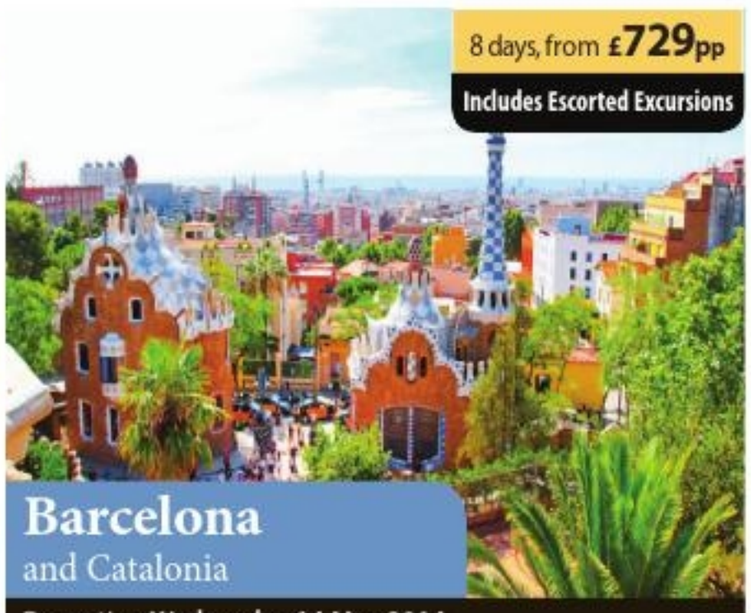

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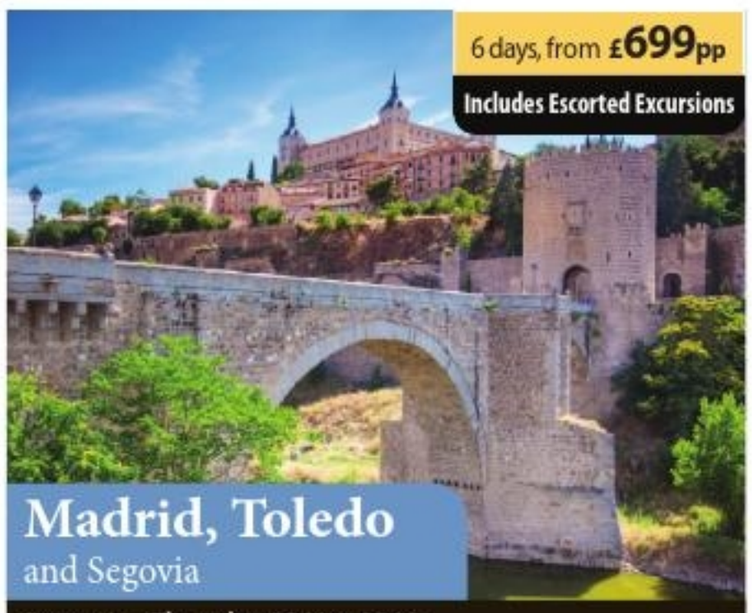

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Wilder holds talks with Pompey over vacancy

OXFORD United boss Chris Wilder has been given permission by the club to speak to Portsmouth about their vacant manager's position.

Pompey have been without a manger since they sacked Guy Whittingham on November 25.

Wilder, who has guided United to the top of League Two this season, was approached by Pompey, who are 17th in the table, last Saturday.

United chairman Ian Lenagan has since spoken about the club's decision to allow Wilder to speak to the south-coast club, insisting that he would like him to stay.

He said: "We have allowed Chris Wilder to speak to Portsmouth, partly out of respect for his long service at Oxford United and partly because we want our manager to be at Oxford United because he has the desire to be here, not because we prevent him speaking to other clubs.

"Chris and I have been entirely straightforward with each other and from the Board's point of view we have made it abundantly clear that we want him to continue doing the good job he has been doing at Oxford United."

By Jack Johnson
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Former Crawley Town boss Richie Barker is one of the favourites to take over at Pompey while interviews were said to take place on Tuesday.

Portsmouth's approach became public on the day of United's 1-1 draw at Fleetwood Town and Lenagan was disappointed with Pompey's timing.

"There are ways of doing these things properly, and we feel that the timing of the approach by Portsmouth, and the leaking of that approach on a matchday – whoever was responsible for that - was not doing things properly," he said.

"It is a tribute to Chris Wilder's professionalism that he remained 100 per cent focussed on the job at hand, but I will be writing to Portsmouth's Board about what happened."

Despite the speculation surrounding Wilder's future, United are in action this evening as they face Conference side Gateshead in an FA Cup first round replay.

Late goals from Deane Smalley and Danny Rose saw United come back from 2-0 down against the Heed just under a month ago.

If United beat Gateshead this evening they will face another Conference side in Wrexham in the second round on Monday night.

Quins march is halted by Maidenhead

OXFORD Harlequins 11-game winning streak was brought to a halt by Maidenhead on Saturday, as they were defeated 24-19 on the road.

Despite the loss, Harlequins still top the South West 1 East table with 51 points, seven ahead of nearest challengers Windsor.

Elsewhere, Henley Hawks won their second game in succession, and their first away from home, as they overcame Worthing Raiders 32-27.

Hawks remain ninth in the SSE National League 1 with 33 points, but are six behind eighth-placed Blaydon.

Chinnor got back to winning ways with a 27-16 victory against London Irish Wild Geese, and are now ninth in the SSE National League 2 South standings.

It was welcome relief for Chinnor after they lost six of their previous eight games, despite starting the season with four consecutive wins.

An under-strength Grove side suffered a narrow loss at home to Reading in the first ever meeting between the two sides, ending 20-18 to the visitors. Grove have not won a match since a 34-22 victory over Witney in mid-October, and are now eighth in the South West 1 East standings.

All four teams are in action on Saturday, as Harlequins host Marlow, Henley are at home to Fylde, Chinnor travel to Taunton Titans and Grove are away to Salisbury.

Nomads fall to defeat at Flackwell

OXFORD City Nomads suffered a disappointing 4-1 defeat to Flackwell Heath last Saturday to slip to eighth in the Hellenic Premier Division.

It was a far cry from their impressive 3-0 win over second-placed Reading Town just four days earlier. Chris Fontaine's side are now 11 points behind league leaders Ardley United after suffering their 11th defeat of the season last weekend. Nomads will be looking get back to winning ways as they welcome Highworth Town to Marsh Lane this Saturday.

Meanwhile, 11th placed Kidlington were in cup action last weekend. They progressed to the second round of the Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup with a 3-1 win over Clanfield.

Kidlington are in cup action again this Saturday as they host Sholing in the third round of the FA Vase.

Smith is Oxon's sportsman of year

MOTOGP star Bradley Smith has had quite a week, first meeting Prince William and then scooping one of the county's most prestigious sporting awards.

He met the Duke of Cambridge at Motorcycle Live in Birmingham saying it was more nerve-racking than lining up on the grid.

Smith then won the Sportsman of the Year award at the Oxfordshire Sports Awards, just a day after celebrating his 23rd birthday.

The Tech 3 rider finished 10th in his maiden MotoGP season and scored more championship points than any British rookie rider in the 65 year history of grand prix racing.

He said: "I'm very proud to be an Oxfordshire boy and I will never lose that accent.

"To be honoured by people in the county where I grew up and where our family home still is makes it so special.

"Wherever I'm racing in the world I know the people of Oxfordshire are behind me and I will never forget that.

"This year has been a massive learning curve for me and has really set me up for 2014 and coming home to receive this award is the perfect ending to my first MotoGP season."

• *Bradley Smith in action during last month's Valencia test (Picture courtesy of Tech 3)*

Sport Bites

Moss could face legend

WITNEY darts player Ian Moss is one match away from playing 16-time world champion Phil Taylor in the PDC World Championship, which starts on December 13.

Moss first has to overcome New Zealander Rob Szabo in the preliminary round, after he qualified himself from a field of 116 at an event in Barnsley last week.

Oxfordshire's Dennis Smith will also be in action at Alexandra Palace, as he goes straight into the first round to face two-time world champion Adrian Lewis.

Stars tame the Wildcats

OXFORD City Stars got back on track on Sunday, with a 4-3 win over Swindon Wildcats 2 in the first round of the National Ice Hockey League Two cup.

Stars face another round one clash on Saturday, as they host Slough Jets before playing Bristol Pitbulls at home on December 28.

They return to league action on December 14, when they travel to face the Invicta Mustangs.

Late brace denies Hawks

OXFORD Hawks hockey team conceded two late goals to deny them a draw as they lost 5-3 to Sevenoaks on Saturday.

Hawks had taken the lead in the first half, but the scores were tied at 3-3 with five minutes to go before Sevenoaks got two goals in the final few minutes to take the win.

They are now sixth in the Southern Premier Division 1, and next play London Wayfarers at home on Saturday.

Classy City get back to winning ways

ANDY Ballard, Mike Symons and Kayden Jackson fired Oxford City to a convincing win over Vauxhall Motors last weekend.

The 3-0 win was their first victory in three games and saw them open up a five-point gap over basement side Gloucester City in the Skrill North.

Ballard, Symons and Jackson all struck in the second half as City dominated their opponents at Court Place Farm.

Mike Ford's men now turn their attention to this weekend's six-pointer at Worcester City.

The Dragons are just a place below City in 19th with two points seperating the two sides.

However, a win for Ford's men could see them move considerably up the league table.

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BREAK COMES AT GOOD TIME

New managerial team get time to work with Abingdon United

THE fixture list has fallen right into the hands of Abingdon United's new management team as they now have a free week to assess the squad.

United, who are second from bottom in the Hellenic Premier Division, do not have a game until their trip to Brimscombe & Thrupp on December 14.

This allows new manager Andy Zoldan and his assistants Ellis Langford and Andy Wallbridge time to get to know the players and add to the squad.

Club secretary John Blackmore sees United's break in fixtures as a good opportunity for Zoldan.

He said: "From our point of view he's got two weeks off now to get to know the players and do a lot of ins and outs which I believe has already started.

"We're quite grateful for having the week off because it enables them to get to know the players a bit better."

Zoldan would have taken heart from United's narrow 1-0 defeat at fourth-placed Highworth Town last weekend.

Matthew Horsell scored the only goal of the game on 57 minutes, while United had Jack Bernasconi sent off for a second bookable offence.

By Jack Johnson
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"Highworth are one of the better teams but we worked very hard and kept our shape very well so they have obviously been listening to him," Mr Blackmore said.

"They deserved to win but it was a close game. We will now have to wait and see what happens over the next few weeks."

Meanwhile, Abingdon Town were knocked out of the The Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup by Hellenic Division One East side Burnham.

Paul Davis' side were beaten 4-1 in the second round and return to league action this Saturday.

Town, who are bottom of the Hellenic Premier Division, travel to Thame United this weekend.

Highworth Town	1
Abingdon United	0

Abingdon Town	1
Burnham	4

• *Jack Bernasconi was sent off during Abingdon United's 1-0 defeat at Highworth Town (Picture by Chris Janes)*

Wilder holds talks with Pompey

OXFORD United manager Chris Wilder has emerged as one of the favourites to take over at League Two rivals Portsmouth.

As the Guardian went to print, Wilder and former Crawley Town boss Richie Barker were the clear favourites to take over at Fratton Park.

This emerged after United gave Portsmouth permission to speak to Wilder on Tuesday.

See inside sport for the full story.

• *Chris Wilder (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

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